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"FLUID FILTER USING FLOATING MEDIA"

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This is a response to the Office Action dated August 25, 1998. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by November 25, 1998.

A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the deadline for response to January 25, 1999.

REMARKS

Claims 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph. As discussed with Examiner Cintins on January 13, 1999, the system shown in Figure 7 actually does disclose a system wherein filter media is allowed to move out of the fluid and wherein influent is introduced into the